

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, August 15

Note: My odds-line for my top four contenders is based on what I think each horse's chances are to win the race. For instance, if I make a horse 4-1, I think the horse's chances of winning are about 20%, so if the same exact race was run ten times, he'd win it twice. If I make all of the horses about the same odds, that's an indication that I think the race is wide open, or that I can't pinpoint a horse that appears to have a clear edge.

Meadowlands Race Picks by Bob Pandolfo

RACE 1

5 PERFECT HOPE DEO 1-9
2 PERFECT KISS 8-1
1 MENZZA LUNA 17-1
3 GLITTERING 20-1

PERFECT HOPE DEO has been racing well against faster fillies and beat the filly that came back to win the sire stakes Final...PERFECT KISS is the one filly that has a win, although she finished six lengths behind the top pick in last.

RACE 2

9 MISTY BLUE 2-1
4 ALL TOO WELL 5-2
7 ROCK MY UNIVERSE 3-1
8 BRAVE BY DESIGN 4-1

MISTY BLUE shows one qualifier for her 3yo return, back on July 24th, which was when she was in a different barn. She makes her first start for hot barn and leading driver Brett Beckwith took this 3yo filly over the 4 and 6, two geldings that have raced well with him in the bike...ALL TOO WELL draws inside of main rivals and has speed...ROCK MY UNIVERSE takes a key drop and can roll past these if he gets decent cover and pace...BRAVE BY DESIGN beat similar two back then broke again, so he has 3 wins in his last 4 starts and one win. He does get a big driver change here.

RACE 3

3 STERL THE PEARL 2-1
6 WENDY J STINGS 2-1
2 GOOD TIDES 6-1
1 ODDS ON GREEKBACK 6-1

RACE 4

3 OLLIE'S ZTAM 6-5
6 AMERICA'S GUEST 7-2
4 BLUE COLLAR MAN 4-1
8 SELECT FRIDAY 5-1

OLLIE'S ZTAM takes a big drop and moves in from post 10.

RACE 5

2 STOP THE SHOOTIN' 8-5
6 CAPTAIN MARVEL 2-1
9 CAVEMAN A 5-2
4 XPERT 4-1

STOP THE SHOOTIN' was used hard leaving, sat the pocket and had good late pace to just miss against a better overall field...CAPTAIN MARVEL picks up a catch driver...CAVEMAN A only has 1 win in 15 starts this year but his form is solid and he picks up Beckwith, who will probably try and leave...XPERT has come into his own lately, steps up but 4 year old fits well here.

RACE 6

1 VELVET DITCH 3-5
3 WE WANT EAZY 5-1
4 KING OF STING 8-1
7 BC'S ODDS ON 10-1

VELVET DITCH comes off three placings behind a filly who would be 1-9 in this field...WE WANT EAZY finished third in the very same races at top pick...KING OF STING has been racing well against slower colts...BC'S ODDS ON raced okay in his debut at Philadelphia, ships in for good barn and could go considerably faster in his second start.

RACE 7

6 MIKI RAY 9-2
4 J M MANDAMIN 7-5
9 CURBSIDE PICKUP 3-1
5 COMPENSATE ME 9-2

MIKI RAY has 3 wins in his last 6 starts, all over 5/8's tracks, but he took his lifetime mark over this track and he stepped up in class and raced well here last week – note key driver change...J M MANDAMIN beat similar pretty easily in his last two starts and looms the one to beat...CURBSIDE PICKUP is sharp and Beckwith got him into the race from outside posts in his last two starts...COMPENSATE ME rallied gamely to win two of his last three starts and if he gets good cover he has a shot.

RACE 8

3 LYONS I WANNA CHIP 4-5
8 KNOCK TWICE 7-2
6 PAPI'S CRUSH 9-2
10 TRICKY WICKY 8-1

LYONS I WANNA CHIP was an easy winner off the barn change in last; steps up but rates top call...KNOCK TWICE finished well in last, drops...I don't know what was bothering PAPI'S CRUSH, who got trounced in back to back races, but she then won her next two starts; steps up...TRICKY WICKY was overmatched in last, won at this level two back.

RACE 9

3 WATER SPORTS TEEN 5-2
8 EFFINGHAM 3-1
6 LUSAKA N 4-1
1 AMERICAN SON 5-1

WATER SPORTS TEEN left and was shuffled back in last; drops. The driver, Will Rixon, is a 25 year old driver from Australia. He's here on vacation and picking up a few drives. He already has 4 Group 1 wins...EFFINGHAM is a good racehorse and a threat from on or off the pace...LUSAKA N drops and picks up Beckwith...AMERICAN SON broke in four straight races but he stayed flat in his last two starts; steps up off a win and fits well in this class.

RACE 10

2 SMOOCH IN THE DARK 7-2
6 GAITWAY PATRIOT 4-1

8 WHAMMER JAMMER 9-2
9 ROCKION THE ACES 5-1

RACE 11

7 MR INSTIGATOR 4-5
6 IN SECRET 3-1
1 PARODY 8-1
5 HEY DUDE 0-1

MR INSTIGATOR won at this level two back then stepped up in class and just missed, now he's back down in class. I don't like this part of condition class racing where horses in good form are given a drop in class.

RACE 12

5 CAVIART SKIPPER 5-2
7 COASTLINE 2-1
2 B SIRIUS 7-2
8 IMAPRICELESSPRINCE 8-1

RACE 13

9 LYONS TRINA** 2-1
3 DRUNK DIAL 7-2
4 ROCKNROLL CAROLINE 4-1
2 SPROUT 6-1

LYONS TRINA had a tough parked out trip and got up gamely for the win in her local debut; steps up, Beckwith took this one over three others.

BEST BETS: LYONS TRINA 13th Race